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Marlene H. Dortch

Office of the Secretary

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RE: Rate comparability review and certification for areas served by non-rural areas
In the Matter of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service
CC Docket No. 96-45

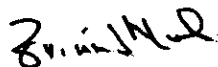
Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter serves as the Kansas Corporation Commission's (KCC) certification to the Federal Communications Commission that the KCC has determined that residential rates in rural areas of Kansas served by Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Kansas (SBC), Kansas' non-rural incumbent local exchange carrier are reasonably comparable to urban rates nationwide, for purposes of Section 254(b)(3) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

As required by 47 C.F.R. 54.316(d), the KCC notes that as of July 1, 2005, local service rates for SBC Kansas were \$15.70 per month in rate groups 1 through 4. When the end user common line charge, Federal and Kansas universal service fund assessments, taxes, 911 assessments and other charges are included, the monthly rural totals \$26.76 for rate groups 1 through 4. The rates are below the urban benchmark of \$33.55 per month established by the FCC.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the KCC.

Yours truly,



Brian J. Moline, Chair
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